

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method for manipulating multiple open document windows through a pull-down menu of an activated open document window comprising the steps of:

creating a pull-down menu in the activated open document window comprising a listing of inactive open document windows and corresponding interactive user interface elements; receiving a selection of a single one of said interactive user interface elements; and, responsive to the selection ~~activation~~ of the single one of said interactive user interface elements, performing a pre-defined window manipulation operation, ~~separate from a focus change operation~~, upon an inactive open document window corresponding to said activated interactive user interface element without activating the inactive open document window corresponding to the selected single one of said interactive user interface elements.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said performing step comprises the steps of:

generating a window manipulation event responsive to said selection ~~activation~~ of said interactive user interface element;

processing said window manipulation event in a message handling routine associated with the activated open document window, said processing comprising identifying said inactive open document window corresponding to said interactive user interface element, and posting a window manipulation event to said identified inactive open document window; and,

processing said posted window manipulation event in a message handling routine associated with said inactive open document window.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said pre-defined window manipulation operation comprises a window manipulation operation selected from the group consisting of a window close operation, a print window operation, and a file save operation.

4. (Currently Amended) A computer system for manipulating multiple open document windows comprising:

a pull-down menu disposed in an active open document window;

a list of inactive open document windows disposed in said pull-down menu;

a set of activatable interactive user elements disposed in said pull-down menu, each activatable interactive user element corresponding to one of said listed inactive open document windows, each said activatable interactive user element having a screen position in said pull-down menu which is adjacent to said corresponding listed inactive open document window; and,

an event handler configured to post a pre-defined window manipulation event, ~~separate from a focus change operation,~~ to an inactive open document window[[s]] associated with a selected single one ~~activated ones~~ of said activatable interactive user elements, wherein

the pre-defined window manipulation event is performed without activating the inactive open document window corresponding to the selected single one of said interactive user interface elements.

5. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein each said activatable interactive user element comprises a button.

6. (Original) The system of claim 4, wherein said pre-defined window manipulation events comprise close window events.

7. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage device having stored thereon a computer program for manipulating multiple open document windows through a pull-down menu, said computer program comprising a routine set of instructions for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

creating a pull-down menu in the activated open document window comprising a listing of inactive open document windows and corresponding interactive user interface elements; receiving a selection of a single one of said interactive user interface elements; and, responsive to the selection activation of the single one of said interactive user interface elements, performing a pre-defined window manipulation operation, ~~separate from a focus change operation~~, upon an inactive open document window corresponding to said activated interactive user interface element without activating the inactive open document window corresponding to the selected single one of said interactive user interface elements.

8. (Currently Amended) The machine readable storage of claim 7, wherein said performing step comprises the steps of:

generating a window manipulation event responsive to said selection activation of said interactive user interface element;

processing said window manipulation event in a message handling routine associated with said activated open document window, said processing comprising identifying said inactive open document window corresponding to said interactive user interface element, and posting a window manipulation event to said identified inactive open document window; and,

processing said posted window manipulation event in a message handling routine associated with said inactive open document window.

9. (Original) The machine readable storage of claim 7, wherein said pre-defined window manipulation operation comprises a window manipulation operation selected from the group consisting of a window close operation, a print window operation, and a file save operation.

Claims 10 and 11 (Cancelled)

12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the interactive user interface elements positioned separately from the listing of open document windows.

13. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 4, wherein the set of activatable interactive user elements positioned separately from the list of open document windows.

14. (Previously Presented) The machine readable storage of claim 7, wherein the interactive user interface elements positioned separately from the listing of open document windows.